

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An improved tap handle for use with a beverage dispensing apparatus comprising:
  - a) a hollow elongated shell having an open end; and
  - b) a hardened foam disposed within said shell.
2. A tap handle according to claim 1, wherein said shell is comprised, at least in part, of ceramic material.
3. A tap handle according to claim 2, wherein said ceramic material is stoneware.
4. A tap handle according to claim 2, wherein said ceramic material is porcelain.
5. A tap handle according to claim 1, wherein said shell is comprised, at least in part, of plastic.
6. A tap handle according to claim 1, wherein said shell is comprised, at least in part, of resin.
7. A tap handle according to claim 1, wherein said shell is comprised, at least in part, of wood.

8. A tap handle according to claim 1 additionally comprising a layer of glue disposed inside said shell proximate to said open end between said foam and said open end.
9. A tap handle according to claim 8 additionally comprising an annular, metal ferrule having internal threads and a top and bottom and being disposed in said interior of said shell, said bottom abutting said glue.
10. A tap handle according to claim 9 additionally comprising an annular plastic cap attached to said top of said ferrule.
11. A tap handle according to claim 1 wherein said foam is polyurethane foam.
12. A tap handle according to claim 11 wherein said foam is polymeric diphenylmethane diisocyanate foam.
13. A resilient, shatter resistant ceramic ware comprising an elongate, hollow shell having at least one opening with a hardened polyurethane foam filling such that said foam adheres to and reinforces said shell.
14. The ceramic ware of claim 13, wherein said foam is a polymeric diphenylmethane diisocyanate foam.

15. A method of manufacturing a safety tap handle for use in beverage dispensing comprising the steps of:
- (a) firing an elongated ceramic shell having an open end;
  - (b) injecting liquid foam into said shell such that it is 80-90% filled;  
and
  - (c) curing said foam until it is hardened and adheres to said shell;
- thereby, rendering said tap handle resilient and resistant to breaking and sharding.
16. The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of monitoring and adjusting the temperature of the cooling foam following step (b).
17. The method of claim 15 further comprising the step (d) of injecting a plug of glue proximal to said open end and abutting said hardened foam.
18. The method of claim 17 further comprising the step (e) of inserting a ferrule at said open end in said glue plug.